

precious gift we have to live in such a country. To his parents, David and Julie, his sister Nicole and the entire Mackenzie family, this Nation humbly thanks you for Tyler. We are forever grateful for your sacrifice and his.

MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JEREMY P. TAMBURELLO

Mr. President, I wish to speak for a moment about a brave son of Westminster, CO, lost to us in the fighting in Iraq: Marine LCpl Jeremy P. Tamburello.

Lance Cpl. Tamburello was killed earlier this month when his military vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device near Rutbah, Iraq. He was a member of the 1st Light Armor Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and was only 19 years old.

Jeremy was a straight-A high school student at Ranum High School in Adams County. Jeremy had a gift for science and dreams of serving his Nation in the United States Marine Corps before going on to pursue a degree in computer science.

When Jeremy announced his intention to join the Marine Corps, his father, Kevin tried at first to talk him out of it, warning him of the terrible risks of serving during this time of conflict in Iraq. Kevin suggested to his son that he pursue a computer science degree at a technical college.

Jeremy's response to his father was respectful, but firm: "This is what I want to do, Dad. Sign the papers."

And so in the summer of 2004, Jeremy Tamburello joined the Marine Corps and began his brave journey of service to America. This past August, he was deployed to Iraq. It was a challenge in which he was a firm believer. He cared about the future of the people of Iraq and about the sacrifices made by the over 3,000 Americans in the September 11th attacks. He wanted to serve his Nation and protect those freedoms that all too often so many of us take for granted and help bring them to the fledgling democracy of Iraq.

This Nation is blessed to have a young man like Lance Cpl. Tamburello. He served his country with honor and distinction, with a courage and conviction that makes us all so very proud. Lance Cpl. Tamburello did not seek glory or parade honors, but instead chose to humbly serve to help shine the blessings of freedom and liberty to those who had for too long languished behind a curtain of oppression.

To Jeremy's family, I can only offer the quiet and humble thanks of a grateful Nation. Jeremy exemplified the nobility and honor, courage and self sacrifice, that has made every American proud of his example. We shall not forget your sacrifice, nor his.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT KYLE B. WEHRLY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a true American hero, SSG Kyle B. Wehrly. On November 3, 2005, Staff Sergeant Wehrly was tragically killed in action during Oper-

ation Iraqi Freedom by an improvised explosive device outside of Ashraf, Iraq. He served with B Battery of the 2nd battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment in the Army National Guard.

I request that all Americans join me today in honoring Staff Sergeant Wehrly. We should all remember his bravery, his compassion, and his final sacrifice to the cause of freedom. Throughout our history, great men and women have stood up and given their lives for their country, and it is with great sadness that we pay tribute to another brave American whose time with us was all too short.

Staff Sergeant Wehrly patriotically joined the National Guard when he was only a junior in high school and was sent to the Middle East in October 2004. Upon his arrival in Iraq, his father, Rev. Peter Wehrly of Springfield, IL, recalls that his son only wanted to be sent things he could give away to the Iraqi children. "All he wanted was stuff for kids. Candy, flip-flops. . . . We had five boxes of stuff. He didn't want anything for himself," Reverend Wehrly said.

All those who knew Staff Sergeant Wehrly will greatly miss him. My prayers go out to his family and friends in their time of grief, his father Peter, his mother Nita, and his wife Janet. We should especially remember Staff Sergeant Wehrly's 6-year-old daughter, Kylee, who will unfortunately grow up with too few memories of her courageous and compassionate father. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and with the entire family. It is important to remind them and to remind all Americans that Staff Sergeant Wehrly did not die in vain but, rather, died protecting his country and protecting the freedom of countless individuals around the world. May he always be remembered as the true American hero that he was.

LANCE CORPORAL SCOTT ZUBOWSKI

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man who grew up in North Manchester. Scott Zubowski, 20 years old, died on November 12 near Fallujah, Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded under the military vehicle in which he was riding. With his entire life before him, Scott risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Remembered for his intelligence and honorable service, Scott was killed during his second tour of duty in Iraq. A 2003 graduate of Manchester High School, Scott enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after graduation, inspired by his older brother's Marine service. Recently married to another Manchester graduate, Scott was set to return home before his 21st birthday in March. One of his classmates told the Muncie Star Press that "Not only was he the smartest guy I've ever known, he was unique in a way for which words aren't good enough to actually describe

who he was. But to those of us who knew him and were his friends, his presence made a profound impact in our lives that still continues to shape us today."

Scott was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Klancey; his mother, Barbara Weitzel; his father, Richard Zubowski; and his brothers, David and Brian.

Today, I join Scott's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Scott, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Scott was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Scott will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Scott's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Scott's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Scott Zubowski in the official record of the United States Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Scott's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Scott.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law,

sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On October 22, 1998, in Madison, WI, Johnny L. Ellis attacked a man in what police say was a hate motivated crime. The victim, a man dressed in woman's clothing, was hit over the head with a full 40-ounce bottle of malt liquor, causing the bottle to break. Mr. Ellis then stabbed the victim in the stomach with the broken bottle, causing a wound that required 55 stitches. Throughout the ordeal Mr. Ellis referred to the victim as a "he-she."

I believe that our Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, in all circumstances, from threats to them at home. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a major step forward in achieving that goal. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF DANIEL PACK

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Daniel Pack for receiving Colorado's Professor of the Year Award in 2005.

Daniel J. Pack, Ph.D., P.E. currently serves as a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. He has enjoyed a distinguished career as teacher, scholar, and professional peer. Daniel Pack's long list of accomplishments is evidence of his superb teaching ability, dedication to his students and commitment to U.S. Air Force Academy.

It is an honor for me to recognize this outstanding achievement of Daniel Pack. I commend him for his efforts to enhance the quality of education and scholarship. We are very grateful for all he does to make a difference. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Now more than ever before, it is essential that our students receive a well-rounded education. We must be able to trust in the skills and talents of college professors like Daniel Pack if we are to produce the next generation of our nation's leaders.

Congratulations again to Daniel Pack, recipient of Colorado's Professor of the Year Award in 2005.●

TRIBUTE TO TOMMY F. GRIER

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Tommy F. Grier, who is retiring as the director of the Division of Emergency Management for the State of Colorado after spending more than 12 years in the emergency management field.

Colorado has been honored to have Tommy, a leading expert in the field of operational design and preparedness,

helping to establish Colorado as a leader in the areas of homeland security and emergency management. Prior to working for the State of Colorado, BG Tommy F. Grier served his country as an operations officer in the U.S. Army with assignments spanning the gamut of organizations from battalion through division level. He is a graduate of both the Naval War College and the Army War College.

Tommy had a long and distinguished military career, earning the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with "V" device and Numeral "40", the Army Commendation Medal, the master Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

He received his commission on August 16, 1962, through the U.S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps. In July 1963, he was transferred to the Special Forces Training Group where he served as executive officer to the commander and then subsequently as an instructor.

In 1966, he began the first of two tours in Southeast Asia, serving as an armed helicopter section leader with the 121st Aviation Company in the Republic of Vietnam; as Operations Officer, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division during the Cambodian Incursion, and he commanded the 238th Aerial Weapons Company in I Corps, II Corps, and Laos.

Grier's assignments included the Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in Washington, DC; Executive to the Director of Requirements; Senior Operations Officer, Joint Staff for Planning and Controlling for "Jack Frost '79"—a full-scale military joint force readiness exercise; Chief, Infantry and Armor Branch, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, Military Personnel Center; and Operations Officer, 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, CA.

From July 1987 until his retirement from active duty, he served as Senior Advisor for the Colorado Army National Guard. Brigadier General Tommy F. Grier was appointed Assistant Adjutant general and Commander of the Army National Guard on Oct. 1, 1993. He retired from the Colorado Army National Guard in 1996.

While serving as the Assistant Adjutant General for Army and commander of the Colorado Army National Guard, Brigadier General F. Tommy Grier oversaw the participation of State troops and assets for World Youth Day 1993 where more than half a million pilgrims traveled to Denver to hear Pope John Paul II deliver his international message of peace. Tommy has also planned, directed, and participated in countless search and rescue missions both domestically and abroad.

With relentless emphasis on weapons of mass destruction, WMD, contin-

gency planning, Tommy put Colorado in a very desirable position from a preparedness standpoint at a most appropriate time. In preparation for the Denver Summit of the Eight in 1997, he initiated and coordinated several innovative technical assistance visits from the Department of Defense Chemical and Biological Defense Command.

Tommy's remarkable insight undoubtedly set the benchmark for future programs. His WMD efforts in Colorado predate the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996, also known as the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, which stipulated the training of first responders to deal with WMD terrorist incidents.

Tommy worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to ensure affected local communities received the support necessary to facilitate recovery during numerous Colorado emergencies, including the 1997 and the 1999 floods, the 2002 wildfires, and the "blizzard of the century" in 2003.

But perhaps Tommy's greatest contribution to the State of Colorado has been his efforts in helping modernize the State's emergency preparedness efforts. Playing a key role in the set up of the new Colorado Multi-Agency Coordination Center, MACC, and State Emergency Operations Center, SEOC, his in-depth knowledge and operational expertise has helped craft a nationwide model of excellence.

Tommy and his wife Jan are the proud parents of three sons: Tom III, Jud, and Andy.

I commend Tommy Grier for his dedicated service to his country, his commitment to ensuring public safety, and his leadership in emergency management. Colorado is a better place because Tommy Grier chose to serve.●

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY SHADDUCK PALOMBI

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Peggy Shadduck Palombi of Lexington, KY, on being recognized as one of America's top professors in the 2005 U.S. Professors of the Year Program by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The annual U.S. Professors of the Year Program was established in 1981 to reward outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching, commitment to students, and innovative instructional methods. It is the only national program to recognize college and university professors for their teaching skills.

Ms. Palombi, an associate professor at Transylvania University, in Lexington, KY, has been recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for her tireless work in exhibiting excellence at Transylvania University. Ms. Palombi sets an example of excellence for both colleagues